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PUC STREAMLINES DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT WITH ELECTRONIC FILING

SAN FRANCISCO, September 7, 2006 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today announced the availability of its Electronic Filing (e-filing) System, which allows parties to Commission proceedings to file formal documents using a web-based application.

The Commission opened the e-filing system on a limited basis in May, and opened it to all users on August 29, 2006. As of this week, the Commission had processed e-filings on behalf of 29 different parties. That number is expected to increase quickly once filers become aware of how simple the system is to use.

During the month of August, 27 percent of the documents that the Commission accepted were filed electronically. The processing time for the e-filed documents averaged less than a day, compared to several days for paper documents. Another benefit of the e-filing system is that once accepted, e-filed documents are immediately published to the Commission's website and available to all members of the public on a real-time basis.

The Commission intends to make a desktop application available for use within the next two months.

To learn more about electronic filing, please visit <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/efiling.htm>.

To search for documents that have been e-filed, please go to <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/documents/index.htm> and click on "E-filed documents".

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